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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1994

1. BELOW IS IO, L, AF AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA AND A STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN ON ANGOLA.

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2. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: CURRENT SITUATION

Q: PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING AND UN PEACE EFFORTS IN RWANDA.

A: UN SOURCES REPORT THAT HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUES TODAY IN KIGALI AND OTHER PARTS OF RWANDA. THERE IS NO OBVIOUS RESOLUTION YET TO THE FIGHTING IN KIGALI OR GITARAMA.

THE SECOND CONVOY OF UN RELIEF SUPPLIES BY ROAD FROM UGANDA ARRIVED TODAY IN KIGALI. OTHER CONVOYS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW ON THIS ROUTE.

THE CEASEFIRE TALKS UNDER UNAMIR AUSPICES BETWEEN RPF AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS WERE HELD YESTERDAY AND ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME ON SATURDAY. WE HAVE NO REPORTS YET ON THE PROGRESS OF THOSE TALKS.

3. L PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: GENOCIDE

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Q: WHAT IS GENOCIDE?

A. AS DEFINED IN THE 1948 GENOCIDE CONVENTION, THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE OCCURS WHEN CERTAIN ACTS ARE COMMITTED AGAINST MEMBERS OF A NATIONAL, ETHNIC, RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS GROUP WITH THE INTENT OF DESTROYING THAT GROUP IN WHOLE OR IN PART. THE RELEVANT ACTS INCLUDE KILLING, CAUSING SERIOUS
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BODILY OR MENTAL HARM AND DELIBERATELY INFILCTING
CONDITIONS OF LIFE CALCULATED TO BRING ABOUT PHYSICAL
DESTRUCTION OF THE GROUP.

Q: DO WE HAVE ANY LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AS A RESULT OF OUR SAYING THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE MAY HAVE OCCURRED INSTEAD OF SAYING THAT GENOCIDE HAS OCCURRED?

NONE. UNDER THE CONVENTION, THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH GENOCIDE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPETENT COURTS IN THE STATE WHERE THE ACTS TOOK PLACE OR OF A COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION MAY ALSO CALL UPON THE COMPETENT UN ORGANS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PREVENT AND SUPPRESS ACTS OF GENOCIDE. THE ACTIONS OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ARE SUCH ACTIONS.

4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: SITUATION UPDATE

Q: ARE WE SEEKING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANY JUDICIAL BODY TO DETERMINE IF ACTS OF GENOCIDE OCCURRED IN RWANDA AND TO PROSECUTE THE PERPETRATORS?

A. THE MAY 25 RESOLUTION OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION STATED THAT IT IS BELIEVED THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN RWANDA. THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED, APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO INVESTIGATE THIS
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AND OTHER ISSUES. HE IS TO COMPLETE HIS PRELIMINARY REPORT THIS MONTH. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE UPON REVIEW OF HIS REPORT AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS HE MAY MAKE.

Q: WHAT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE HAVE WE PROVIDED?

A: SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT CRISIS ON APRIL 6, THE U.S. HAS PROVIDED OVER 68 MILLION DOLLARS TOWARDS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN THE RWANDA/BURUNDI REGION.

SINCE LAST OCTOBER -- WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND ALSO THE MONTH THE COUP ATTEMPT OCCURRED IN BURUNDI -- THE U.S. HAS PROVIDED OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSISTANCE.

5. WHITE HOUSE PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: GENOCIDE

Q: UP UNTIL THIS POINT, YOU HAVE BEEN SAYING ONLY THAT "ACTS OF GENOCIDE MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN RWANDA." WITH THE PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE NOW EMERGING, WHY ARE YOU NOT WILLING TO SAY THAT WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN RWANDA IS GENOCIDE?

A: BASED ON THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE SEEN FROM OBSERVATIONS ON THE GROUND, WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE HAVE OCCURRED IN RWANDA.

Q: WHAT OBLIGATION DOES THIS ENTAIL FOR THE US GOVERNMENT.

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A: AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE INTRODUCTION OF A PEACEKEEPING FORCE INTO RWANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AT RISK AND TO ASSIST THE SUPPLY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. THE UNITED NATIONS NOW HAS COMMITMENTS ON THE PART OF ABOUT 10 NATIONS TO PROVIDE TROOPS FOR THIS OPERATION, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL ASSIST THEM WITH FINANCIAL, LOGISTICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS INTERNATIONAL FORCE IS THE PROPER RESPONSE TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS AT RISK.

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IN ADDITION, WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE DECISION BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA TO SEND A TEAM OF HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICERS HEADED BY A SPECIAL

RAPPORTEUR TO RWANDA TO INVESTIGATE AND DOCUMENT BREECHES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, INCLUDING ACTS OF GENOCIDE. HIS REPORT WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IDENTIFYING AND HOLDING RESPONSIBLE THOSE WHO HAVE COMMITTED THESE ACTS AND FOR PREVENTING FUTURE VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES.

Q: WHY HAVE YOU RESISTED MAKING THIS KIND OF STATEMENT UNTIL NOW?

A: WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY SAID THAT WE BELIEVE ACTS OF GENOCIDE MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN RWANDA. WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE FULL INVESTIGATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF THESE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

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6. STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN - ANGOLA: FIGHTING ESCALATES

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THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES THE RECENT ESCALATION OF FIGHTING IN ANGOLA WHICH HAS CAUSED THE LOSS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND IMPERILS DESPERATELY NEEDED HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS. THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ANGOLAN ARMED FORCES HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ON JUNE 6 AN AIR FORCE FIGHTER ACCIDENTALLY BOMBED A SCHOOL, KILLING 89 CHILDREN. GOVERNMENT BOMBING OF HUAMBO AND UNITA SHELLING OF KUITO AND MALANJE HAVE ALSO RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF CIVILIANS.

AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA AND UNITA PURSUE THEIR VIOLENT AND ULTIMATELY MEANINGLESS ATTEMPTS TO SECURE MINOR TACTICAL ADVANTAGES, MILLIONS OF ANGOLANS SUFFER THE CONSTANT THREAT OF HUNGER, INJURY AND DEATH. THIS OUTRAGE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ANGOLA'S LEADERS DEMONSTRATE THE COURAGE AND THE SENSE OF DUTY TO CHOOSE PEACE OVER WAR.

THE ESCALATION IN FIGHTING IS ALL THE MORE INDEFENSIBLE

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SINCE BOTH PARTIES ARE CLOSE TO REACHING AGREEMENT AT THE LUSAKA PEACE TALKS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE MEDIATION PACKAGE ON NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. WE NOW CALL ON UNITA TO DO LIKEWISE AND STRONGLY URGE BOTH SIDES TO EXERCISE UTMOST RESTRAINT DURING THIS CRUCIAL PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED CHRISTOPHER

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